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SUBJECT: MARSHAL LON NOL THANKS PRESIDENT FOR OUR NEAK
LOEUNG DONATIONS

1. GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US TO TRANSMIT
TO WASHINGTON A LETTER FROM MARSHAL LON NOL TO
PRESIDENT NIXON THANKING HIM FOR USG DONATIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH THE NEAK LOEUNG BBWWANG ACCIDENT.
EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QTE PHNOM PENH, AUGUST 25, 1973.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM EXTREMELY MOVED BY THE
NOBLE AND GENEROUS CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE OF
CONDOLENCE YOU SENT ME ON AUGUST 14 IN REGARD TO
BOMBING ERRORS THAT OCCURRED EARLY THIS MONTH IN THE
VICINITY OF NEAK LOEUNG.

QTE MY FELLOW CITIZENS AND I FOUND IN THAT MESSAGE
THE SINCERE EXPRESSION OF DEEP UNDERSTANDING, WHICH
MIGHT BE FOLLOWED SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY AN APPROPRIATE
ACT, IN FACT, ON AUGUST 22, AMBASSADOR EMORY C. SWANK
DELIVERED TO US IN YOUR NAME AND IN THE NAME OF THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AN IMPORTANT DONATION IN KIND AND
IN MONEY WHICH WILL BRING GREAT MATERIAL AND MORAL
COMFORT TO ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED FROM THOSE TRAGIC
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ACCIDENTS. WHAT TOUCHED US MOST ABOUT THIS GESTURE WAS

ITS SPONTANEITY AND ITS HUMAN ELEMENT.

QTE IN RESPONSE TO THIS DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY
AND SHARED SENTIMENTS ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE AND
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND KNOWING THAT IN
OUR FIGHT TO MAINTAIN OUR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE WE
CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON OUR GREAT FRIEND THE AMERICAN NATION,
ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU OUR DEEP GRATITUDE.
QTE PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, RENEWED ASSURANCES
OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. (SIGNED) LON NOL. UNQTE

3. LETTER WILL BE AIR POUCHED.
SWANK

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